

JOIN FMDA TODAY AND ENJOY THE MANY BENEFITS!

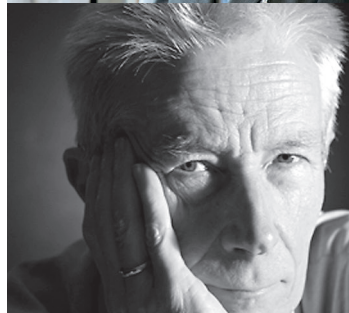
As the scope of operation for post-acute care facilities continues to evolve and expand to accommodate an aging population, practitioners face many new and complex challenges. FMDA, the state affiliate of AMDA – The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine, is the only organization in the state of Florida devoted to inter-professional practitioners in all specialties practicing in skilled nursing units through subacute, hospice, home care, traditional long-term care, and hospital-based.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Access to Florida experts in PA/LTC – FMDA stands ready to assist you in your practice, and answer your questions.
- FMDA publishes a dynamic, statewide newsletter titled *Progress Report* — winner of the Apex Award for Publishing Excellence.
- FMDA's official website is www.fmda.org.
- Our dedicated conference website is at www.bestcarepractices.org/.
- “FMDA CareerCenter,” an online job board.
- Annual update on Medicare billing strategies.
- Annual update on Medicare comparative performance reports for physicians practicing in post-acute care.
- Discounted member registration fees for educational and annual programs.

CHARTING A NEW COURSE

- Networking with the other acute care, post-acute and long-term care trade and professional associations.
- FMDA is a Specialty Society of the Florida Medical Association (FMA).
- Advocacy in Tallahassee on behalf of FMDA members.
- Representation in the House of Delegates of both AMDA and FMA.
- Providing testimony at public hearings and in front of the Florida Legislature on issues important to physicians and other practitioners, such as prescribing controlled substances, the availability and affordability of liability insurance, “Granny Cams” in nursing homes, and other hot-button issues.
- FMDA takes an active role in outreach efforts to young, career physicians/NPs/pharmacists/PAs-in-training, including interns, residents, fellows, and any person engaged in graduate medical/NP/PA/pharmacist education in Florida with an interest in post-acute and long-term care medicine.



Mission Statement

The mission of FMDA – The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine is to promote the highest quality care as patients transition through the continuum. FMDA is dedicated to providing leadership, professional education, and advocacy for the inter-professional team.

Vision

FMDA – The Florida Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine will provide professional leadership to disseminate information and provide access to resources and experts.

FMDA will further advance as the professional hub for education on best care practices, evidence-based medicine, regulatory compliance, and practice management.

FMDA will continue to be the model organization that collaborates with related organizations to promote the highest quality patient care and outcomes in the post-acute and long-term care continuum.

FMDA – The Florida Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Medicine APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Dedicated to supporting physicians and other practitioners in **Post-Acute & Long-Term Care Medicine**



Learning how to work **smarter** while providing **excellent care**



Join online at www.fmda.org



Dear Friend of FMDA:

FMDA was formed in 1990 to help medical directors, physicians, advanced practice nurses (NPs), pharmacists, and physician assistants (PAs), and other providers practicing in post-acute and long-term care care (PA/LTC) to navigate their way through the continuum of care.

As the official state chapter of AMDA – The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine, Specialty Society of the Florida Medical Association, and through its liaison with Florida Osteopathic Medical Association (FOMA), FMDA promotes the education of its membership in issues pertaining to PA/LTC care medicine, with a special emphasis on scientific, legislative, regulatory issues, and Medicare reimbursement. In addition, AMDA sponsors a certification program in LTC medical direction to allow you to enhance your knowledge and skills in this ever-changing environment.

Membership in FMDA links you to physicians, NPs, pharmacists, PAs, and other practitioners, and opens dialogues for problem-solving and information-sharing. Networking opens opportunities to become familiar with the activities of Florida practitioners and helps you build relationships with and gain support from our members.

FMDA sponsors a nationally recognized annual October conference, “Best Care Practices in the Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Continuum,” and trade show that is the perfect place to learn about the newest trends and challenges from some of the top experts in the country.



After a number of years of hard work on behalf of its membership, the volunteer leadership has established FMDA as a recognized player in the arenas that form public policy, legislation and regulatory compliance. But continuing to fight for quality care for their patients, along with fairness in how physicians, advanced practice nurses, pharmacists, and PAs are treated, requires the commitment of members to get involved.

If you share our goals, we invite you to join FMDA and become an integral part of our support network. We respect and appreciate your devotion to this specialty, and encourage you to attend the annual conference in October. Above all, we want you to know that we are all here to help each other survive the regulatory maze. Together, we can bridge the gap between fact and fiction and continue to provide our patients with the finest, most compassionate care possible.

If you would like more information about FMDA, please contact the business office at **(561) 689-6321**, or e-mail **icordes@bellsouth.net**.

FMDA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

There are multiple classes of membership in the Association: general membership, student, retired, lifetime, and affiliate. All members of this organization will be encouraged to be members of the national association, AMDA – The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine.

a. General: Membership in FMDA may be granted to any physician who holds the position of medical director, or a physician, advanced practice nurse, pharmacist, or physician assistant who has an interest in or who provides medical services in full or in part in PA/LTC. Members in this classification shall be entitled to a vote and the eligibility to be a member of the Board of Directors.

i. Retired: Includes physicians, advanced practice nurses, pharmacists, and physician assistants who are fully retired.

ii. Lifetime: Includes physicians, advanced practice nurses, pharmacists, and physician assistants who continue to work and are not retired.

b. Allied Health Professional Relations Committee: Health care practitioners who provide essential services to patients in the PA/LTC setting are eligible to join, including dental professionals, podiatrists, opticians, psychologists, therapists (PT/OT/ST), etc. Committee members are non-voting and may be appointed by the Board of Directors to serve on other FMDA committees.

c. Organizational Affiliates: Are organizations in the medical, regulatory, or political fields of PA/LTC wishing to promote the affairs of FMDA. They include vendors, other professionals, and organizations.

d. Students: Student membership is available to physicians/PAs/pharmacists/NPs-in-training, including interns, residents, fellows, and to premedical students and any person engaged in graduate medical/NPPA/pharmacist education in the U.S. Student members shall have all FMDA privileges except they shall not be eligible to vote or hold office.

Name: _____ Title: _____

The mailing address below is for _____ a facility, or _____ my office address. Referred by FMDA member: _____

Facility Name/Organizational Affiliation: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State/ZIP: _____ County: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Yes! I would like to join FMDA. Enclosed is a check for membership dues for the following category (check one):

- A. General and Allied Health Professional Relations Committee: 1-year (\$75); or 2-year (\$125); or 3-year (\$190); or Lifetime (\$750)
- B. Organizational Affiliate members are \$325 per year. C. Student Members are \$25 per year.

Voluntary contribution to FMDA's Careers in LTC program, student scholarships, and AMDA's Futures Program \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please make check payable to FMDA and mail to: FMDA, 400 Executive Center Drive, Suite 208 • West Palm, Beach, FL 33401

(561) 689-6321 • fax: (561) 689-6324 • www.fmda.org • E-mail: icordes@bellsouth.net